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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF KHMER PERMREP TO UN

1. BRIGADIER GENERAL LON NON TOLD DEPTOFF IN CONVERSATION MAY 20 THAT HE WAS CONCERNED OVER THE WEAKENING GKR SITUATION VIS-A-VIS GRUNK IN THE UN REPRESENTATION ISSUE AND THAT HE WAS GOING TO RECOMMEND TO THE MARSHAL THAT THE NEW PERMREP TO THE UN BE KONG ORN. LATTER IS YOUNG, A FORMER MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER HANG THUN HAK.

2. IN OUR VIEW, KONG ORN IS POSSIBLY SECOND ONLY TO UM SIM IN HIS INTELLIGENCE AND ENERGY AND DESIRE TO SAVE THE KHMER REPUBLIC. THOUGH INEXPERIENCED AS A DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE, KONG ORN HAS SERVED ON MISSIONS TO PAST UNGA'S AS WELL AS TO MALAYSIA, INDONESIA AND OTHER AREAS OF ASIA ON BEHALF OF HIS MINISTRY. HIS FRENCH AND AMERICAN EDUCATIONS AND UNPREPOSSESSING BUT VERY CAMBODIAN MANNER WOULD MAKE HIM A USEFUL MAN FOR THE CRUCIAL CORRIDOR WORK TO BE DONE BETWEEN NOW AND SEPTEMBER. RUSH

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